Lower Secondary and High Schools—vacancies in.

60. Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of vacancies of teachers in the Lower Secondary and High Schools, run by the State, as it stood on 1st Kanni 1112; were any such vacancies filled; and if so, in how many cases and when;

(b) (i) how many vacancies in the said schools remain to be filled up to-day;

(ii) what is the pendency of the vacancy in each case;

(iii) of these vacancies how many are posts of specialists?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—

(a) Nil.

(b) (i) 25.

(ii) 100 per cent.

(iii) 7.

A list of vacancies is appended. *(Appendix I.)*

Moozhikkal Thodu Bridge—construction of.

61. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*— Will the Government be pleased to take up the work of constructing Moozhikkal Thodu Bridge in Meloor next year?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—No. As the work involves a large outlay and as it is not very urgent, it will have to wait for better times.

Cases vaccinated—Villages of Cranganur.

62. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Will the Government state the number of cases vaccinated in each of the villages of Cranganur during the year 1111?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats)*—The information required is furnished below:

Village.	*No. of cases.*
Pullut	345
Lokamaleswaram	492
Methala	883

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Eriyad	666
Alikode	57

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Will the Hon'ble Member kindly inform the House, Sir, when the compulsory vaccination came into force for the first time?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—It came into force about two years ago.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—During the period in which these figures are given, am I to take it that the Regulation was in force?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—It was in force.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Has the Hon'ble Member any idea of the total population of Cranganur?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—I cannot say off-hand.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Will the Hon'ble Member kindly take it from me that it is a fact if I say that it is 50,000?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Yes, I will.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Out of 50,000, 2000 alone have been vaccinated especially after the Regulation came into force-rather a small figure.

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—They might have been vaccinated before, several of them.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—It is obvious that in this part of the State, everybody runs away from vaccination and considers it to be a plague. People do not generally get themselves vaccinated. As a matter of fact, before the Regulation only a small percentage has been vaccinated. I come from that constituency and I can very well assert that. Will the Hon'ble Member kindly find his way to see that more vigorous vaccination is being enforced in future?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—In fact, the lower figure of 57 is, I understand, due to the fact that most of the population there are Muslims and there we have got difficulties in getting them vaccinated.

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Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—May I know, Sir, why in Azhikode such poor number alone is vaccinated?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—The majority of the population there are Muslims.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—In Eriyad also it is like that.

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—The report of the vaccinator shows that there has been some sort of opposition. I had a very sorry experience.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Is it the Hon'ble Member's position that Muslims as a class are averse to vaccination?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—In that particular locality.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Eriyad Village is an adjacent village. There also the predominent population are Muslims and there we get a large number. Am I to take it that the Hon'ble Member's position is incorrect when he says that Muslims as a class are averse to vaccination?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—As a matter of fact, I would tell you that Muslims boys and girls of a Doctor have not been vaccinated. The child is eight months old and it has not been vaccinated.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur).*—Why did you not take action against them?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats.)*—I have told him recently.

Thazhakkad-Kallettumkara Road—construction of.

63. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether they are aware of the extreme importance of connecting Thazhakkad with Kallettumkara by a road;

(b) was not this work approved by the Panchayat Department two or three years ago ;

(c) if so, why is it not taken up;

(d) will this work be included in the next year's budget?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—(a) Yes.

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